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Rhode Island's Early Childhood Commitment

Rhode Island's [Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge Grant](#) initiative is called Exceed. Exceed supports the children of Rhode Island to achieve new heights in their learning.

Exceed News Briefs

Update: Plan to support early learning center facilities

In August of 2014, a request for proposals (RFP) was released seeking a vendor to manage an early learning facilities project that would provide research, technical assistance and training materials for the early learning community, as well as administer grants to support the planning of quality indoor and outdoor learning environments and modest renovations to facilities that help early learning centers comply with regulations and improve health and safety for children. RFP submissions were reviewed and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) was selected as the vendor for this project. To continue reading this news brief, [please click here](#).

RIDE CECE 2014-2015 application and review process

The 2014-2015 application and review process for initial and renewal Comprehensive Early Childhood Education (CECE) for Approval is now available. There are several documents [now on the RIDE website](#) that describe and support the process. CECE Program Approval represents the highest bar in the state's early learning quality continuum, which begins at DCYF licensing, progresses next to BrightStars, and culminates in RIDE CECE Approval.

NEW! An InfoLine for Rhode Island's early care and education field

The Center for Early Learning Professionals will manage Rhode



Save The Date

Oct 15: BrightStars [Renewal Support Group for Center](#) based programs, 1:00-3:00 pm, 535 Centerville Rd, Warwick

Oct 16: BrightStars [Renewal Support Group for Family Child Care](#) programs, 5:00-7:00 pm, 535 Centerville Rd, Warwick

Nov 13: Public hearing for [Family Child Care Home Regulations for Licensure](#), 6:00-8:00 pm, DaVinci Center for Community Progress, 470 Charles St, Providence

Dec 1: Applications due for [CCRI's RI Early Childhood Education & Training Program](#) for spring semester.

Island's InfoLine, a resource to assist early learning programs and professionals to improve quality by answering questions and accessing resources related to best practice in the field of early childhood. The Center's team is prepared to help with questions related to curriculum, assessment, inclusion, Workforce Knowledge & Competencies, and much more! Follow this link to [submit question\(s\) online](#) or give them a call at: (401) 734-1292.



[Download the full report from September 2014 here](#)



Carmen Carrasco, Family Child Care Provider in Cranston, RI

This month, Exceed is very excited to spotlight Carmen Carrasco, a family child care provider in Cranston, Rhode Island. Carmen's provider spotlight nomination was made by the Center for Early Learning Professionals and Ready to Learn in Providence. Carmen's dedication to her own professional development and her community is awe-inspiring. Carmen has completed over 35 hours of professional development through Rhode Island's early learning and development standards, Ready to Learn Providence and the Center for Early Learning Professionals -- all in Spanish. Her most recent coursework has been a deep dive into the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale to Improve Quality. It has been her favorite course. This course helped her build a comprehensive understanding of what educational items and how to best organize her program to provide more enriching learning experiences. When her program was approved for a program quality improvement grant she had already built an understanding of what items she needed to improve the quality of her program.

Carmen's motivation to operate as a family child care provider is a passion and love for the children and families in her community. She feels that it is her obligation to continually improve in order to offer the best experiences for these families. Carmen is actively working on her application to move up the quality continuum by moving from a one star BrightStars rated program to three stars. Exceed is proud to feature Carmen for taking the extra steps to provide high quality care and education. Thank you for all that you do!

Do you know a provider who is implementing high quality practice and should be showcased in the Exceed E-News? Contact [Erica Mandeville](#) at the Department of Education at 222-8164.

Coming Very Soon!

Exceed's newly designed website will go live the last week in October! We invite you familiarize yourself with exceed.ri.gov; a central hub for families, Early Childhood programs and the workforce looking for more information about Rhode Island's Early Childhood system.

